

Senate Study Bill 1118 - Introduced

SENATE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON RIELLY)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to coordination of construction and
2 installation projects between the department of
3 transportation and fiberoptic cable providers.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 306.48 Highway construction
2 projects — notice — collaboration.

3 1. The department shall provide notice of highway
4 construction projects on primary roads over which the
5 department has sole or concurrent jurisdiction pursuant to
6 section 306.4 which are anticipated to involve excavation which
7 would be suitable for the installation of fiberoptic cable
8 or conduit. The notice shall be posted on the department's
9 internet site at least ninety days prior to the anticipated
10 construction date.

11 2. The objective of the notice shall be to facilitate a
12 collaborative effort between the department and fiberoptic
13 cable providers such that the mutual necessity to excavate
14 dirt can be accomplished in the most minimally invasive manner
15 possible. The notice shall include a map provided by the
16 department, the dates by which construction is anticipated to
17 commence and conclude, and departmental contact information.

18 3. The department shall by rule establish procedures for the
19 required coordination of highway construction and fiberoptic
20 cable or conduit installation projects in instances where a
21 fiberoptic cable provider responds to the notice and, in the
22 department's estimation, such coordination is practicable.

23 EXPLANATION

24 This bill encourages the coordination of construction and
25 installation projects between the department of transportation
26 and fiberoptic cable providers involving excavation projects,
27 and requires such coordination where practicable.

28 The bill directs the department to provide notice of
29 highway construction projects on primary roads over which the
30 department has sole or concurrent jurisdiction, which are
31 anticipated to involve excavation which would be suitable for
32 the installation of fiberoptic cable or conduit. The bill
33 specifies that the notice shall be provided on the department's
34 internet site at least 90 days prior to the anticipated
35 construction date. The bill states that the objective of the

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2 the department and fiberoptic cable providers such that the
3 mutual necessity to excavate dirt can be accomplished in the
4 most minimally invasive manner possible. The notice shall
5 include a map provided by the department, the dates by which
6 construction is anticipated to commence and conclude, and
7 departmental contact information.

8 The department is required by rule to develop procedures
9 for the required coordination of highway construction and
10 fiberoptic cable or conduit installation projects in instances
11 where a fiberoptic cable provider responds to the notice
12 and, in the department's estimation, such coordination is
13 practicable.